

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has indicated that the 5 May 2004 reply allegedly raises new issues that would require further consideration (Advisory Action, 19 May 2004, page 2) and thus the proposed amendment will not be entered. However, the Examiner indicates on the same page that "all grounds of rejection" have been overcome by the Applicant's reply. Applicants contend the reply of 5 May 2004 should be entered if it overcomes all grounds of the Final Office Action of 17 March 2004. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner enter the 5 May 2004 reply/amendment into the record with the R.C.E.

Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments of 5 May 2004 and the preceding remarks included therein. Additionally, It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

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